

REMARKS

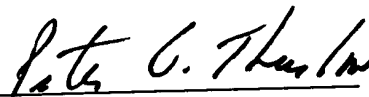
This application has been reviewed in light of the Notice of Informality dated September 17, 2002. Claims 1-25 are pending in this application with Claims 1-5, 8-17, and 20-25 being in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Notice of Informality stated that the specification was improper because of the incorporation by reference of essential material from Japanese patent application 2000-17568. Although Applicants do not believe that the incorporation by reference of subject matter from Japanese patent application 2000-17568 was improper, in an effort to advance prosecution on the merits in this case, Applicants have deleted this incorporation by reference language from the specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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VERSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

The paragraph at page 1 of the substitute specification, immediately after the title, has been deleted as follows:

[This application is based on Patent Application No. 2000-17568 filed January 26, 2000 in Japan, the content of which is incorporated by reference.]

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